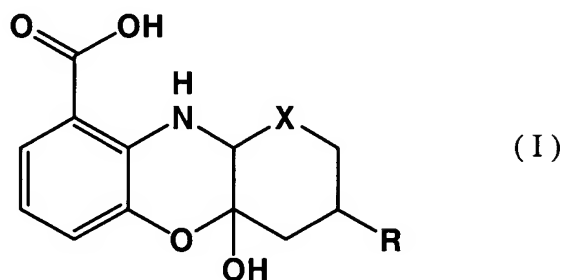


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A compound represented by formula (I):



wherein X represents -O- or -CH₂-, and R represents a hydroxyl group when X represents -O-, or a hydrogen atom when X represents -CH₂-, or salts thereof.

2. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein in formula (I), X represents -O- and R represents a hydroxyl group, or salts thereof.
3. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein in formula (I), X represents -CH₂- and R represents a hydrogen atom, or salts thereof.

4. (Original) A process for producing the compound according to claim 2, comprising cultivating a microorganism that belongs to the genus *Cunninghamella* and is capable of producing the compound according to claim 2, and recovering the compound according to claim 2 from the resultant culture broth.

5. (Currently Amended) *Cunninghamella* sp. F-1490 strain (FERM BP-8287) having a capability of producing the compound according to claim 2.

6. (Original) An osteoclast differentiation inhibitory agent comprising as an active ingredient the compound or salts thereof according to claim 1.